

"Scrap of Paper," No. 2.  
Learn From the Mullah.  
They WON'T Get Ford.  
Worst Tax—Idleness.  
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The street car trust of New York city has a contract with the city limiting the fare to five cents. When the contract was made, passengers could have been carried profitably for three cents. The corporation urged that five cents be written in the contract. It was done.

Now Governor Miller, in a message to the New York legislature, appears to recommend passage of legislation that would end the contract for a five-cent fare between the city and the corporation.

After this has been fought out, the people will know whether the Constitution of the United States, forbidding breaking of contracts by legislation, has any meaning.

It is easy for a legislature to obey a governor and pass a law SAYING that a contract between a city and its corporations is ended.

BUT—let a citizen refuse the increased fare, demand that the contract be kept, allow himself to be ejected, and arrange to have his case brought to the Supreme Court of the United States. Then the legislature of New York may find that it is not as easy as it seems to nullify a contract between five millions of people and a corporation because the corporation tires of the contract.

This New York matter interests every city in the United States. For if, to oblige corporations, New York's legislature can break contracts and defy the Constitution of the United States, no municipality should enter into any contract with any corporation whatever. No use signing a "scrap of paper" that the corporation can get rid of when it gets the right governor.

Practical men, soon to be in charge of the War Department and of this country's defense, will note the end of the "Mad Mullah." For years that Mullah, getting madder and madder, has been bothering England. Soldiers were sent tramping over the sand after him. Many died, but the original Mullah, or a good imitation, went on. Then came the flying machine, and with the big worry out of the way, England went after Mr. "Mad" Mullah with eleven machines carrying about two hundred men. The Mullah learned how rabbits feel when hawks appear. And the Mad Mullah is no longer an obstacle to British rule in Somaliland.

American authorities, please notice. The new fighting weapons are submarines and flying machines. Ships on water and troops on land take second place.

This will interest Henry Ford: Not long ago a well-informed man from Detroit came to New York and said, "In a day or two they'll get So and So," mentioning a man who shortly afterward had his great automobile properties taken from him. The gentleman continued, "A little later they'll get Ford."

They WON'T get Ford. He is too powerful for them. But it will interest Ford to know that they are trying to get him. To take a big concern and pick it clean is profitable.

When newspapers announce that Henry Ford is in the market for a loan of fifty to seventy-five millions it puzzles the little man who knows that Ford has been distributing millions in bonuses to his workmen. Ford needs the money "to pay his income tax." If Ford would come to New York and talk to some intelligent people they would show him how to put away the money that his company earns, then ISSUE NEW STOCK DIVIDENDS TO HIMSELF, instead of taking money, paying nothing to the Government, on that issue of forty million in income tax a year ago, is evidently an innocent gentleman.

In connection with Ford's borrowing, Wall Street tells a story, not true, but "well founded." It represents Ford applying to J. Pierpont Morgan for a loan of fifty millions and Morgan referring him to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Those that read the Ford Weekly will see the point of that story. As a matter of fact, Ford does not think much of Morgan & Co. and says so. Consequently he would not go to them for money. He probably could borrow a hundred millions from Ford owners. He certainly could sell, easily, several hundred millions worth of Ford stock. Why borrow, especially in Franklin Thrift Week?

War is expensive. Excepting human life, values actually destroyed in war are the least part. The real loss comes later when men are idle, production stops, industry is upset, and the world loses its greatest asset, which is intelligent labor intelligently directed.

You are reminded of this when you read that in the Pittsburgh district alone a hundred and eighty thousand men in the steel industry are idle. The daily wage loss in Pittsburgh amounts to a million dollars a day. In Europe they talk about a tax on capital. Here you have a tax on human life, that tax being enforced idleness, the misery and discouragement that come with it.

WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness; probably followed by snow late tonight or Wednesday; continued cold; fresh northeast and east winds; lowest temperature tonight about 15 degrees.

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## PALMER TACTICS MENACE U.S., SENATE TOLD

### 2 HANG SELVES AT SAME TIME

Mrs. Emile Faillie Finds Body of Husband Dangling in Bedroom.

TRUNK STRAP HIS NOOSE

Painter Uses Clothesline in His Chamber—Dependent on Daughter 3 Months.

Two despondent men, both of middle age, ended their lives by hanging themselves in their bedrooms in Washington almost simultaneously today.

Unable to find employment, suffering for lack of food, clothing and fuel, and with his wife in an insane asylum, Arthur Grantley, fifty-seven, a painter, of 1323 K street southeast, was found dead, suspended by a clothesline from the transom of his bedroom about 8 o'clock this morning.

FINDS HUSBAND'S BODY.

At almost the same hour, Mrs. Emile Faillie, of 449 H street northwest, returned from a trip to a nearby grocery and found the body of her husband, a Frenchman, forty-six years old, dangling by a trunk strap from the transom of his bed room. He had been despondent because of ill health.

Before retiring last night, Grantley kissed his daughter Ruth, aged twenty. She recalled this morning that he had said "good-by," instead of "good-night." The import of his words did not strike her, however, until she went to his room to arouse him this morning and found his body.

GRANTLEY HUNG HIMSELF.

Grantley had rigged a scaffold in his room to reach the transom by laying a plank from it to a bed post. He used a section of clothesline for a noose.

DEPENDENT ON DAUGHTER.

For three months he had been unable to get work at his trade. This had made him dependent on his daughter, and he had become despondent. Ruth had tried vainly to cheer him.

"When young fellows can't get work, what chance has an old man like me?" he asked.

According to his wife, Faillie had frequently declared if his health did not improve he would commit suicide, but had made no attempt to do so before this morning.

Mrs. Faillie had been absent from her home only about fifteen minutes when she returned. She found the door of her husband's bedroom closed. When she opened it she was horrified to see his body dangling in front of her.

Faillie had used a trunk strap to strangle himself. When an ambulance arrived the accompanying surgeon pronounced him dead. Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of suicide. Faillie had no relatives here except his wife.

### REPORT OF LENIN'S DEATH IS REVIVED

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The anti-Bolshevik press in the Scandinavian countries has renewed the report that Lenin is dead, said a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen today. The papers cite the fact that Leon Trotsky has presided at all recent soviet meetings.

A dispatch to the International News Service on Saturday reported that Lenin had been ordered to take a rest on account of exhaustion brought on by his heavy duties of state during the past three years.

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- For identity of these and other similar ads, consult the "For Rent Rooms" Column, Want Ad. Section, today's Washington Times.

### First Picture of Harding on Florida Cruise

The houseboat Victoria, aboard which President-elect Harding is making a two-week cruise down the Florida coast as the guest of Senator Frelinghuysen. The photograph was made at St. Augustine, Fla., after the President-elect and his party had boarded the boat. The inset shows Senator Frelinghuysen and President-elect Harding standing on the stern of the boat, waiting for her to start.



President-elect Harding arriving at St. Augustine, Fla., with his host, Senator Frelinghuysen, where they boarded the houseboat Victoria. The President-elect smiles in anticipation of a "great" two weeks.

### All Food Is 'Soup' to Admiral's 7 Orphans

GREENVILLE, S. C., Jan. 25.—When Rear Admiral Newton McCully and his Russian wards, who are soon to become Americans, left Anderson yesterday for their Washington home they had more accompaniments in the way of luggage than when they came.

Each of the seven children had a suitcase packed with individual toilet articles, the quaint little governess had a large suitcase, and the admiral had three suitcases, besides two trunks. A small bag half filled with letters, which he had hoped to "get to" while here, was not opened.

In the other half of that bag there was a bushel of black walnut and Anderson county grown pecan nuts. Two baskets filled with home cakes had been sent in by friends and neighbors, another basket with country sausage, country butter, pickles, preserves and jellies, and then another box of fried chicken, biscuits and cookies that were prepared by the neighbors for the lunch of the children on the train. Besides that each child had a box of home-made candy.

The people of Anderson seemed unable to express their appreciation of the admiral and the children and took every means possible to show them honor. The admiral said he was afraid they would do too much, as the children are still to an extent on a diet.

When he took the smaller children from the orphanage they had never

### CREDIT CRISIS FACES ROADS

Carriers, Showing \$370,000,000 Drop in Revenue, Now Seek Speedy U. S. Relief.

By W. H. ATKINS, International News Service.

The railroads, short of cash, confront a credit situation so serious that heavier cuts in working personnel than those already ordered will be put into effect and other means of retrenchment enforced, leading rail managers today informed members of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

HAVE ENORMOUS DEBTS.

Rail executives declared the roads are running up enormous debts, and are unable to meet many of the more urgent current bills. A severe economy program, meaning reduced working forces on practically all lines, and an indefinite postponement of some of the more pretentious plans for betterments, was forecast today as a certainty, following conferences of many of the rail leaders here.

Even in the face of the higher rate increases allowed the carriers, big slumps in net earnings over practically all roads, affecting alike the large and small lines, were shown by the Interstate Commerce Commission's figures today. A drop in the railroads net revenue from operations amounting to \$370,000,000 was shown for the eleven months up to December 1, as compared with the same period the preceding year.

FACING CREDIT CRISIS.

Reports to the commission do not indicate that the credit of the carriers as a whole is exhausted, but the reports emphasize the fact that "credit crisis" is near for the roads, unless financial relief is given them, or there comes an early improvement industrially that will increase their revenues.

The larger systems, it is said, are finding means to have their banking connections carry them over the rough spots. The small line railroads, it was said, have practically exhausted their borrowing powers, and are looking for some relief that will save them from bankruptcy.

### U. S. COUNT OF 16 BILLION IN TREASURY NEARS END

A Treasury receipt for about \$16,000,000,000, the largest drawn in the nation's history, will be delivered within a few days to John Burke, retired United States Treasurer, now a bond broker of New York.

The count of coin, bullion, gold and silver, certificates, bonds, and securities is nearing the stage of completion, and when finished, Mr. Burke will receive the usual receipt, certifying the status of funds at the time of his retirement.

The count of Treasury funds is made only when there is a change in the office of Treasurer. This is the first time in eight years such a count has been made.

### REVOLTS GRIP SIX NATIONS

Disorders Reported in India, Filand, Italy, Ireland, Cuba, and Austria.

While the Allied Supreme Council is solemnly assembled at Paris, discussing world peace and international "law and order," reports from all parts of the world tell of plots, revolts and widespread organized violence.

Violent rioting is under way in the Faizabad district of Oudh province in India, where 10,000 natives are arming in an effort to throw off the oppressive British yoke.

NEW REVOLUTION BREWING.

From Finland comes the report that a Red revolution is brewing there.

Many are reported killed and wounded in fighting between Socialists and non-Socialists in many cities of Italy, where Bolshevism has made heavy inroads.

In Ireland the violence is about up to usual schedule—murders and arrests aplenty in the guerrilla warfare between Sinn Feiners and British authorities.

Austria, where thousands are dying from starvation, is on the brink of a new revolution. Vienna is seething with disorder.

Even in nearby Cuba there is talk of a negro revolution, although the Cuban representatives here vigorously deny that any trouble is brewing.

### 20 KILLED IN IRELAND DURING WEEK-END FIGHTS

DUBLIN, Jan. 25.—Twenty-seven persons were arrested when black and tan policemen raided a Sinn Fein dance at Drogheda early today.

One member of the attacking party was killed when an assault was made upon the police and military barracks at Bandon yesterday. Three persons in their beds were wounded by stray bullets. The crown forces sustained no casualties.

Dublin Castle reports an attack by civilians against the police at Kells. One of the attackers was killed.

Nearly a score of persons were killed in Ireland in disorders over the week-end.

### FINLAND SEETHING WITH FIRES OF RED REVOLT

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A red revolution is brewing in Finland, according to a dispatch from Helsinki, which reports received there from Finland.

The dispatch added that Finnish

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### REAL WINTER HERE; ALL CITY SHIVERS

Quick Change in Temperature May Be Followed by Old-Fashioned Snow Storm.

Frigid temperature, sweeping down the Atlantic coast from Canada, struck Washington full force today. With the entire Eastern section of the country in the grip of the coldest wave of the winter, the Weather Forecaster today could not promise much relief for the next twenty-four hours.

As a matter of fact, he warned the people of Washington to get out their rubbers and snow shovels, for by tonight, according to indications, the city will be in the throes of a real old-fashioned snow storm which might continue all day tomorrow.

The official forecast issued by the Weather Bureau at noon today announces increasing cloudiness late this afternoon, with probably snow tonight and tomorrow.

The balmy spring-like days could not last, the Forecaster said. There "just had to be a flareback." It came without much warning.

During the night the thermometer fell gradually. The lowest temperature was at 8 o'clock this morning, when the thermometer registered 18 degrees. At noon today the mercury had risen to the 22 mark.

Although Washingtonians are shivering in the unaccustomed cold weather, there is some consolation in the fact that up in Greenville, Maine, the lowest temperature during the night was 12 degrees below zero.

In New York City, the thermometer registered 2 above zero; in Boston, in Albany, 2 below; in Philadelphia, 10 above; in Atlantic City, N. J., 10 above, and in Baltimore, 18 degrees.

The wind, which was blowing briskly from the north, will shift to the northeast, the forecaster said. This means snow.

### REPRESENTATIVE J. I. NOLAN, of California,

will be the next Secretary of Labor, it is reported on good authority, as President-elect Harding has already expressed his choice to intimate friends.



### COUNCIL PLANS AUSTRIAN AID

Premiers, Feeling Pressure From U. S., Appoint Committee to Suggest Relief.

ROME, Jan. 25.—Austria is like a head severed from the body, struggling with horrors of poverty and despair, said Pope Benedict XV in an appeal issued today in behalf of Austria. The Pontiff urged the signatories of the Austrian treaty to effect an immediate solution, but he refused from making any suggestion, "because it is a political question."

By NEWTON C. PARKE, International News Service.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The first definite step toward Austrian relief was taken by the Supreme Council today when a commission was appointed to study the problem and make recommendations to the allies. This action was taken at the morning session; in the afternoon the statement turned their attention to Greek and Balkan matters.

SUGGEST ALLIED LOAN.

It was suggested that France and England advance 50,000,000 pounds sterling for Austrian relief and also attempt to stabilize the central European exchange rates.

The premiers, it is understood, have concluded that rehabilitation of Austria is bound up with the whole economic situation of Central Europe.

French, British, and Italian experts read long reports upon the distress and needs of Austria. Afterwards the

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### ATHENS, GA., SWEEP BY \$2,000,000 FIRE

Blaze Started by Explosion of Gasoline Drums in Heart of Business District.

ATHENS, Ga., Jan. 25.—Flames which swept the business section of this city early today were under control at 9 o'clock this morning, after destroying the entire block bounded by Jackson, Clayton and Broad streets and College avenue, and causing losses estimated at \$2,000,000. So far as known there was no loss of life.

The heaviest losses were sustained by the Denny Motor Company, occupying the Max Joseph six-story building, where the explosions of drums of gasoline started the fire, which rapidly spread beyond control. Appeals were sent to neighboring towns for aid.

The flames spread to the Michael department store, across the street from the Denny motor plant, caught fire when the gasoline drums exploded and was left practically a mass of ruins. Adjacent stores suffered loss from fire, water and smoke.

Eighteen firemen with apparatus arrived from Atlanta this morning, but the fire was under control when they reached Athens. They will remain through the day, however, to assist in extinguishing the smoldering ruins.

### PERILS SEEN IN DRIVE ON REDS

Chicago University Professor Says Danger From Anarchistic Doctrine Is Remote.

IS ONE OF TWELVE CRITICS

Views Aired as Senate Group Starts Probe at Attorney General's Request.

"The danger from anarchistic doctrines seems remote and almost visionary, the danger from undue growth of administrative power is much more real," Professor Ernest Freund, of the Chicago University Law School, declared in a statement presented to the Senate Judiciary Committee today.

Freund is one of a committee of twelve lawyers who criticized as illegal and unconstitutional the so-called "drives" of Attorney General Palmer and the Department of Justice against alleged "reds" and those accused of violations of the espionage, draft, and other wartime acts.

PALMER REQUESTED PROBE.

The committee started an investigation today of the lawyers' criticisms and charges at the request of Attorney General Palmer. Several of the lawyers were present, others, like Freund, sent statements.

"Administrative discretion counts for more than law," Freund also wrote. For the first time in the country's history, he added, "allens lawfully in this country are proceeded against without violating any law, but solely on belief of opinion."

BAD POLICY CHARGED.

Prof. Edwin M. Borchard, of the Yale Law School, charged Palmer's activities in conducting raids against aliens, and in the "liquidation" of innocent alien property, constituted a "bad public policy and was representative of unsupportable tendencies in government." Borchard demanded a "thorough" investigation of all of the activities of Palmer and the Department of Justice.

"It is hardly imaginable that the highest law officer in the Government should have permitted himself to contend that an alien is not a person within the protection of the 'due process clause,'" Borchard said.

R. G. Brown, of Memphis, Tenn., another of the so-called "committee of twelve," said the "high priest in the temple of justice" should conduct himself with greater solemnity and decorum. He protested against what he described as the "Attorney General's interpretation of the law," which he said is "a most deplorable thing."

### WILD MAN'S WIFE A GOLD STAR MOTHER

Lost Son in France and Has \$1,500 Due Her From U. S., Nurse Says.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 25.—The wife of Albert Parsons, alleged wild man, who, with her husband and two-year-old baby were found in the swamps near Laurel, Miss., last week, has \$1,500 in back payments coming to her from the United States Government for the loss of her son, killed with the American army in France. This was the story related today by Miss Floyd Maybry, Red Cross nurse.

Mississippi authorities who have been attempting to uncover the history of Parsons, who is seventy-two years old; his wife, fifty, and their two-year-old child, who lived their strange life in the swamps for many years, were told by Miss Maybry that the baby girl is the child of the couple. She also said that Parsons and his wife had reported to her weekly for many years.

The couple when they were captured, said they had lived on roots, fruits and game in the river bottoms, and always evaded any person that came within sight or hearing. Parsons said he caught his wife in a steel trap about twenty years ago. They were driven out of the bottoms by high water and when captured the baby was naked.

### GALE HITS NEW YORK; MERCURY 4 ABOVE ZERO

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Following a brief spell of April-like weather, another cold wave rolled down on New York early today, the thermometer falling to 4 degrees above zero. The cold was intensified by a 42-mile gale out of the northwest. The weather forecaster held out little hope, but said it might be warm enough to snow tonight.